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Our vision is to deepen community engagement while offering a premier string competition.

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stulberg international string competition

The Stulberg International String Competition promotes excellence in string instrument performance by gifted musicians under the age of 20 years old. The Stulberg has an impressive track record of counting some of the world's most gifted string artists among its participants and prizewinners.

Founded in 1975 to honor Dr. Julius Stulberg, the Stulberg has always attracted some of the finest conservatory string players in the world. Boasting over 2,500 young string participants in its almost 50-year history, many of the Stulberg's former winners have gone on to illustrious classical music careers.

Dr. Julius Stulberg was former Professor of Violin at Western Michigan University and Conductor of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra. Today, the Stulberg International String Competition maintains a close relationship with both organizations, who present the Stulberg medalists every year.

The competition attracts applicants from around the world. Utilizing a blind screening process, 12 semifinalists are invited to compete for the gold, silver, bronze medals and the Bach Prize. Along with a monetary award there are performance opportunities, not only in the Kalamazoo, Michigan area, but also regionally and nationally.

Stulberg Season 2022-2023

OCTOBER 1, 2022 Stulberg Silver Medalist, Jacques Forestier with the Western Michigan University Symphony Orchestra

OCTOBER 22, 2022 Stulberg Gold Medalist, Daniel Bae with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra

NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 2022

Saturdays with the Stulberg online recital series featuring Stulberg alumni

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Stulberg Bronze Medalist, Angeline Kiang with the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra

MAY 18, 2023 Stulberg Opening Gala

MAY 19 AND 20, 2023 48th Stulberg International String Competition

Baltimore Chamber Orchestra 2022 – 2023 Season Stulberg International String Competition Alumni Season

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Zlatomir Fung, cello Stulberg Gold Medalist, 2014

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Madeline Adkins, violin Stulberg Gold Medalist, 1997

JANUARY 22, 2023

Daniel Rafimayeri, violin Stulberg Gold Medalist, 2019

MAY 14, 2023

Keila Wakao, violin Stulberg Gold Medalist, 2021



2023 JUDGES





Born in 1989, American violinist **Benjamin Beilman** is winning plaudits across the globe for his compelling and impassioned performances, his deep rich tone and searing lyricism. The Scotsman has described him as "a remarkable talent, delivering playing of rare insight and generosity, as captivating as it is gloriously entertaining" and the New York Times has praised his "handsome technique, burnished sound, and quiet confidence [which] showed why he has come so far so fast".

In past seasons, Beilman has performed with many major orchestras worldwide including the Rotterdam Philharmonic, London Philharmonic, Frankfurt Radio Symphony, Zurich Tonhalle, Sydney Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, Houston Symphony and Philadelphia Orchestra both at home and at Carnegie Hall. In recital and chamber music, Beilman performs regularly at the major halls across the world, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Wigmore Hall, Louvre (Paris), Philharmonie (Berlin), Concertgebouw (Amsterdam), Bunka Kaikan (Tokyo) and at festivals he has performed at eg Verbier, Aix-en-Provence Easter, Prague Dvorak, Robeco Summer Concerts (Amsterdam), Music@Menlo, Marlboro and Seattle Chamber Music amongst others.

Beilman studied with Almita and Roland Vamos at the Music Institute of Chicago, Ida Kavafian and Pamela Frank at the Curtis Institute of Music, and Christian Tetzlaff at the Kronberg Academy. Beilman won the gold medal at the Stulberg International String Competition in 2007. Cellist **Anthony Elliott** is in great demand as a soloist, chamber music performer, and teacher. Following his victory in the Emanuel Feuermann International Cello Competition in 1987, Strad Magazine wrote of his competition appearance, "his emotional communication is often profound, and his glittering, silvery tone captivates the ear." Following quickly on the heels of his competition victory was a highly successful New York debut recital, which received a lengthy standing ovation from a capacity crowd.

Anthony Elliott's studies were with two legendary figures of the cello, Janos Starker and Frank Miller. He has given master classes at most of America's leading music programs including Cleveland Institute of Music, Eastman School of Music, the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University, Indiana University, Oberlin Conservatory, Peabody Conservatory, Chicago's Music Center of the North Shore, and Interlochen Arts Academy. He devotes most of his summer to teaching and performing at the Aspen Music Festival.

A frequent guest soloist with major orchestras, Anthony Elliott has performed most of the standard concerto repertory with such orchestras as the New York Philharmonic, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Detroit Symphony, the Vancouver Symphony, and the CBC Toronto Orchestra. He has also commissioned new works by such composers as Primous Fountain III, Augustus Hill, James Lee III, and Chad E. Hughes. As a soloist, his performances have been recorded and broadcast on radio and television across the United States and Canada.

Also in great demand as a chamber musician, he is a regular guest artist at the Sitka (Alaska) Summer Music Festival, the Seattle Chamber Music Festival, the Texas Music Festival, New York's Bargemusic Chamber Series, Chamber Music International of Dallas, Houston's DaCamera Series, the Victoria International Festival, and the Gateways Festival. He has also appeared as a member of Quartet Canada, with members of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, and with members of the Emerson, Juilliard, Cleveland, and Concord string quartets.

He has appeared in chamber music with the present and former concertmasters of the Berlin Philharmonic, the Concertgebouw of Amsterdam, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and the Cleveland Orchestra.



Jessie Montgomery is an acclaimed composer, violinist, and educator. She is the recipient of the Leonard Bernstein Award from the ASCAP Foundation, the Sphinx Medal of Excellence, and her works are performed frequently around the world by leading musicians and ensembles. Her music interweaves classical music with elements of vernacular music, improvisation, poetry, and social consciousness, making her an acute interpreter of 21st century American sound and experience. Her profoundly felt works have been described as "turbulent, wildly colorful and exploding with life" (The Washington Post).

Her growing body of work includes solo, chamber, vocal, and orchestral works. Some recent highlights include Shift, Change, Turn (2019) commissioned by the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Coincident Dances (2018) for the Chicago Sinfonietta, and Banner (2014)–written to mark the 200th anniversary of "The Star-Spangled Banner"–for The Sphinx Organization and the Joyce Foundation, which was presented in its UK premiere at the BBC Proms on 7 August 2021.

Summer 2021 brought a varied slate of premiere performances, including Five Freedom Songs, a song cycle conceived with and written for Soprano Julia Bullock, for Sun Valley and Grand Teton Music Festivals, San Francisco and Kansas City Symphonies, Boston and New Haven Symphony Orchestras, and the Virginia Arts Festival (7 August); a site-specific collaboration with Bard SummerScape Festival and Pam Tanowitz Dance, I was waiting for the echo of a better day (8 July); and Passacaglia, a flute quartet for The National Flute Association's 49th annual convention (13 August).

Since 1999, Jessie has been affiliated with The Sphinx Organization, which supports young African American and Latinx string players and has served as composer-in-residence for the Sphinx Virtuosi, the Organization's flagship professional touring ensemble.

A founding member of PUBLIQuartet and a former member of the Catalyst Quartet, Jessie holds degrees from the Juilliard School and New York University and is currently a PhD Candidate in Music Composition at Princeton University. She is Professor of violin and composition at The New School. In May 2021, she began her three-year appointment as the Mead Composer-in-Residence with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

2023 stulberg competition schedule

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023

Stulberg Opening Gala Bell's Brewery 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

Master Classes Dalton Center, Western Michigan University 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Bach Prize Award Night Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

Semifinals Performances Dalton Center, Western Michigan University 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Finals Performances Dalton Center, Western Michigan University 7:30 p.m.







stulberg past medalists

YEAR GOLD

022	Daniel Bae, violin
021	Keila Wakao, violin
020	Dongyoung Jake Shim, violin
019	Daniel Rafimayeri, violin
218	Charlotte Marckx, violin
017	William McGregor, double bass
D16	Daniel Hass, cello
015	Yaegy Park, violin
014	Zlatomir Fung, cello
013	Youjin Lee, violin
212	Matthew Lipman, viola
011	Austin Huntington, cello
010	Richard Narroway, cello
009	Nicholas Schwartz, double bas
800	Matthew Allen, cello
007	Benjamin Beilman, violin
006	Susan Jang, violin
005	Jinjoo Cho, violin
004	Amaury Coeytaux, violin
003	Tien-Hsin Wu, violin
002	Emilie-Anne Gendron, violin
001	Yuri Namkung, violin
000	Deanna Talens, cello
999	Austin Hartman, violin
98	Nicholas Crosa, violin
97	Madeline Adkins, violin
96	Corinne Chapelle, violin
95	Catherine Basrak, viola
94	Esther Noh, violin
93	Merrie Arnold, violin
92	Jennifer Koh, violin
991	Kirsten Johnson, viola
90	Wendy Warner, cello
89	Elizabeth (Lisa) Kim, violin
88	Sang Mee Lee, violin
987	Sheryl Staples, violin
86	Elisa Barston, violin
P85	Ivan Chan, violin
984	Stephanie Arado, violin
983	Sarah Plum, violin
982	Eunice Lee, violin
781	Joshua Bell, violin
80	Hae-Young Ham, violin
979	Anthony Ross, cello
978	Benny Kim, violin
977	Kari-Lise Ravnan, cello
976	Lucia Lin, violin

SILVER

BRONZE

stulberg past judges

2022 Atar Arad, viola Sara Sant'Ambrogio, cello 2021 2020 Clive Greensmith, cello 2019 Paul Coletti, viola 2018 Aaron Dworkin, arts leader 2017 David Kim, violin 2016 Glenn Dicterow, violin Heidi Castleman, viola 2015 2014 Karen Drevfus, viola 2013 Richard Aaron, cello 2012 Matt Haimovitz, cello 2011 Raymond Harvey, conductor 2010 Ronald Copes, violin Samuel Rhodes, viola 2009 Miriam Fried, violin 2008 Bayla Keyes, Violin 2007 Timothy Eddy, cello Steven Tenenbom, viola 2006 David Cerone, violin 2005 Anner Bylsma, cello 2004 James O. Buswell IV, violin 2003 Ivan Chan, violin Keith Robinson, cello 2002 Benedict Goodfriend, violin 2001 Emilio Colon, cello 2000 Benny Kim, violin 1999 Owen Carman, cello 1998 Karen Buranskas, cello 1007 Heidi Castleman, viola 1996 Heidi Castleman, viola 1995 Joshua Bell, violin 1994 Robert Culver, viola 1993 Bernard Greenhouse, cello 1992 Nathaniel Rosen, cello 1991 Csaba Erdelyi, viola 1990 Catherine Comet, conductor 1989 Paul Doktor, viola 1988 Alan Harris, cello 1987 Yizhak Schotten, viola 1986 Norman Paulu, violin 1985 Josef Gingold, violin 1984 David Cerone, violin 1983 Raya Garbousova, cello 1982 Richard Blum, viola 1981 Richard Blum, viola 1980 Alan Harris, cello 1979 James O. Buswell IV, violin 1978 Urico Rossi, violin 1977 James O. Buswell IV, violin 1976 Orlando Cole, cello

Amit Peled, cello Mitchell Newman, violin Yura Lee, violin/viola Emilio Colón, cello Anthony Ross, cello Yizhak Schotten, viola Steven Tenenbom, viola Sarah Chang, violin John Sant'Ambrogio, cello Victoria Chiang, viola Rachel Barton Pine, violin Paul Katz, cello Nick Eanet, violin (all members of the Juilliard String Quartet) Ronald Leonard, cello Richard Young, viola Tom Knific, double bass Daniel Phillips, violin (all members of the Orion String Quartet) Linda Cerone, violin Ani Kavafian, violin Michael Kugel, viola Chauncy Patterson, viola (all members of the Miami String Quartet) Hans Jorgen, cello Gerald Fischbach, violin Wendy Warner, cello Igor Fedotov, viola Myron Kartman, violin Anthony Elliott, cello Ross Harbaugh, cello Lucia Lin, violin Bernard Greenhouse, cello Stephen Shipps, violin Sergiu Schwartz, violin Winifred Mayes, cello Csaba Erdelyi, viola Alan Harris, cello William Preucil, viola Neil Stulberg, conductor William Preucil, viola Richard Kapuscinski, cello David Holland, viola David Holland, viola David Cerone, violin Michael P. Haber, cello Jacob Krachmalnick, violin Alan Harris, cello Andor Toth, Jr., cello Fritz Magg, cello Nathan Gordon, viola

Simin Ganatra, violin Cynthia Phelps, viola Cho-Liang Lin, violin Jennifer Frautschi, violin Scott St. John, viola Amit Peled, cello Peter Wiley, cello Eric Kim, cello Donald Weilerstein, violin Soovin Kim, violin Roland Vamos, violin/viola Joseph Silverstein, violin Joel Krosnick, cello Rhonda Rider, cello Todd Phillips, violin Steven Doane, cello Ida Kavafian, violin/viola Marc Johnson, cello Cathy Meng Robinson, violin Almita Vamos, violin Marcus Thompson, viola Max Wilcox, record producer Hal Grossman, violin Max Wilcox, record producer Cyrus Forough, violin David Updegraff, violin Anthony Ross, cello Yoshimi Takeda, conductor Marcus Thompson, viola Karen Tuttle, viola Edward Shmider, violin Yehudi Menuhin, violin Marilyn McDonald, violin Edward Shmider, violin David Vanderkooi, cello David Vanderkooi, cello Max Wilcox, record producer Richard Kapuscinski, cello Leonard Sorkin, violin Michael Press Haber, cello Jacob Krachmalnick, violin Abraham Skernick, viola Abraham Skernick, viola Francis Tursi, violin Yosef Yankelev, violin

Paul Rolland









ELIGIBILITY

The Stulberg Competition is open to students of violin, viola, cello, or double bass.

Applicants must be age 19 or under as of **January 1, 2023**. Proof of date of birth will be required if selected as a semifinalist.

Current students of the 2023 Judges are not eligible to apply. Judges are Benjamin Beilman (violin), Anthony Elliott (cello), Jessie Montgomery (violin/composer).

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

- Applications are reviewed by a panel of judges who will select twelve semifinalists and four alternates.
- Applicants will be notified of results no later than **March 15, 2023**.
- Twelve semifinalists will compete in Kalamazoo, Michigan on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20, 2023, before a panel of judges and an audience
- Semifinalists will perform a selection from a required list of Bach and a movement(s) from a standard concerto.
- Six finalists will be chosen at the competition, and will perform additional movement/s at a Finals Concert to determine medalists.

awards & prizes

Semifinalists

The top twelve competitors are invited to perform before an audience and our panel of world-renowned judges. The judges will give each semifinalist written and oral comments after the competition.

Bach Award

The semifinalist competitor judged to have given the best performance of a solo Bach selection is given the Bach Award on Friday, May 19, 2023. This award is a cash prize of \$1,000 given by The Bach Festival Society of Kalamazoo and the Stulberg International String Competition.

Finalists

The top six finalist competitors will be announced.

Gold Medal Prize

The winner of the first prize is awarded the Burdick-Thorne Gold Medal with a cash prize of \$6,000 and a concerto performance with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra (Julian Kuerti, Music Director) and/or the Grand Rapids Symphony (Marcelo Lehninger, Music Director), as well as a concerto performance with the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra (Markand Thakar, Music Director) in the subsequent season.

Silver Medal Prize

The winner of the second prize is awarded the Silver Medal with a cash prize of \$5,000. The Silver Medalist award includes a return performance with the Western Michigan University Symphony Orchestra (Andrew Koehler, Music Director). Julius Stulberg was Professor of Violin at WMU and Conductor of the University Symphony Orchestra from 1945 to 1974.

Bronze Medal Prize

The winner of third place is awarded the Pinehurst Bronze Medal with a cash prize of \$4,000. The Bronze Medalist is also awarded a performance with the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra (Andrew Koehler, Music Director). Founded in 1939, the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra is one of the oldest and finest youth symphony orchestras in the United States and has been accorded many national and international honors. It was directed by Julius Stulberg from 1941 through 1974.

*The Gold, Silver and Bronze prizes money will be received in two payments; first half will be received immediately after the competition and the other half after the performance award concert.

Semifinalist Stipends

The nine semifinalists not chosen for medals will each receive a \$1,000 stipend.







guidelines for submitting your application Applications open October 15, 2022

Deadline for submitting applications is February 1, 2023 (11:59 p.m. EST)

Application Guidelines

Application form, audition video and application fee must be submitted online at https://app.getacceptd.com/stulberg. Paper applications or CDs will not be accepted.

Application fee is \$140 USD payable via credit card only.

Guidelines for Uploading Audition Video

- Do not include your name on the video itself.
- Your audition submission should include the same movement/s you will play for the semifinals if selected. No substitutions allowed.
- Audition submissions and semifinals concerto performances are limited to 20 minutes.
- You may submit either single or multiple movements of a single piece depending on length.
- Your Bach piece should not be submitted with your application.
- The repertoire submitted must be from standard repertoire with a readily available orchestral accompaniment.
- The recording must be accompanied by piano or orchestra.
- Cut lengthy tuttis, both in the introduction and in the body of the movement, if applicable.





semifinal details

Once a competitor has made it into the semifinals of the Stulberg International String Competition, they must be prepared to meet the guidelines of the next stage of competition

GUIDELINES

Semifinalists must be in Kalamazoo, Michigan on Friday, May 19 (Bach Prize Award Night) and Saturday, May 20 (Semifinals and Finals performances). Semifinalists are encouraged to attend the Opening Gala event on Thursday, May 18.

Semifinalists must perform the piece/ movement(s) submitted in their application. No substitutions are allowed.

Total time on stage will be no more than 20 minutes.

Performances must be from memory.

Twelve semifinalists will be chosen. More information will be sent to those selected.

Collaborative pianists will contact you to arrange your rehearsal time after assignments have been made by the Stulberg Competition.

Six finalists will be chosen from the twelve semifinalist.

Semifinalists must perform ONE movement of solo Bach from the list provided for the Bach Prize Award Night.



REQUIRED SOLO BACH SELECTION LIST

VIOLIN

Sonata No. 1 in g minor: Fugue Sonata No. 2 in a minor: Grave Sonata No. 3 in C Major: Adagio Partita No. 2 in d minor: Sarabande & Gigue (no repeats) Partita No. 3 in E Major: Loure (no repeats) & Gavotte en Rondeau

VIOLA

Suite No. 2 in d minor: Prelude Suite No. 3 in C Major: Prelude Suite No. 4 in E flat Major: Prelude Suite No. 5 in c minor: Prelude Suite No. 6 in D Major: Prelude Suite No. 6 in D Major: Gavotte & Gigue (no repeats)

CELLO

Suite No. 2 in d minor: Prelude Suite No. 3 in C Major: Prelude Suite No. 4 in E flat Major: Prelude Suite No. 5 in c minor: Prelude Suite No. 6 in D Major: Prelude Suite No. 6 in D Major: Gavotte & Gigue (no repeats)

DOUBLE BASS

(Sterling Edition – Transposed Keys) Suite No. 1 in C Major: Menuetto 1 & 2 and Gigue Suite No. 3 in G Major: Bourée 1 & 2 and Gigue

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